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New U.S. Total: 132,287,450 Members

## Membership Rises In Religious Bodies

NEW YORK (RNS) — A slight increase in the total membership of religious bodies in the United States, countering a trend of recent years, is reported in the 1976 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches.

Figures in the Yearbook, which is published by Abingdon Press, show 132,287,450 persons as members of 223 religious bodies last year. The total represents a gain of 1,042,311, or 0.8 per cent over the previous year.

Groups included in the total include Jewish, Roman Catholic, and Protestant bodies and some that would be considered "cults and sects." Some groups that may be considered quasi-religious, such as the Church of Satan and the Unification Church, are not listed.

According to the 1976 Yearbook, the percentage of the U.S. population holding formal membership in Churches increased from 61.9 in 1974 to 62.3 in 1975.

In a number of cases, more recent figures have already out-

dated those in the volume, which are largely based on 1974 and 1975 compilations. Despite this problem, however, the annual survey is the only comprehensive source on American religious membership. Trends can be plotted from the data even if individual totals are outdated.

Mr. Jacquet has repeated the warning he issues every year about drawing hasty conclusions about comparative church growth, since church statisticians use different categories. He pointed out, for example, that the Roman Catholic Church counts children as members while many Protestant groups count only confirmed persons as members, and Jewish groups estimate their numbers in terms of communities.

According to Mr. Jacquet, "only on an individual denomination-by-denomination basis can losses and gains be accurately reported."

Although conservative denominations still show membership growth overall, a trend toward membership losses among some large Protestant groups that are considered theologically liberal seems to have leveled off.

Most of the growth reported in the 1976 Yearbook is found in the Roman Catholic Church (up 0.49 per cent to 48,701,635), Southern

evangelism committee chairman.

All expenses of the meeting are to be borne by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. This will include travel, motel, and meals, Vaughn said.

This will be the first meeting of this type in Mississippi, but it is on the calendar as an annual event in the future, he indicated. He added that he hoped if there are associations that do not have

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## Associational Planning Workshop Set May 18

An associational planning workshop for directors of associational missions and 10 members of leadership teams in each association will be held May 18 at Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson.

The meeting will provide the platform for launching the Mississippi Plan for Associational Advancement and will have a two-fold purpose, additionally, according to Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"The meeting will provide an overview of the suggested program for churches as projected by our denomination," Vaughn said. "Time will be given to help association leaders understand what the suggestions are for churches," he added.

The second phase of the purpose will be to "make associational leaders aware of some possible associational projects they may wish to consider in planning an associational calendar to assist the churches."

The meeting will get under way at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

In addition to the director of missions, the 10 associational leaders being invited to the meeting include the moderator, the associational clerk, the associational Sunday School director, the associational church training director, the associational church music director, the associational Woman's Missionary Union director, the associational Brotherhood director, the associational missions committee chairman, the associational stewardship committee chairman, and the associational

## Former Mississippians Named To Southern Faculty Posts

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Naming of a provost, two new deans, and five new faculty members were among decisions made by the trustees of Southern Seminary in their April meeting on the Louisville campus.

Roy Lee Honeycutt, Jr., dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary since August, 1975, was elected provost. The provost is the seminary's chief academic officer. The Mississippi native also serves as professor of Old Testament interpretation.

Southern Seminary's trustees have named Arthur L. Walker, Jr., professor of religion and philosophy at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., as dean of student affairs. Walker, who was visiting professor of church history at the seminary last fall, has been on the Samford faculty since 1966, and is former vice-

president for administrative affairs there.

O. Norman Shands, who had been serving as acting dean of student affairs, was named chairman of the seminary by the trustees.

Allen W. Graves, executive director of the seminary's Ministry Training Center, will resume the

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## Spiritual Retreat Scheduled For Baptist Building

A spiritual retreat at the Baptist Building in Jackson is scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week. Personalities will include Tom Eliff of Tulsa, Okla., and Ron and Patricia Owens, internationally known musical artists.

The retreat was to begin at noon on Thursday with a covered dish luncheon for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff. Another session of the retreat was planned for 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Baptist Building for the staff.

At 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Baptist Building a continuation of the retreat will be open for all members of church staff in the surrounding associations who would be interested in attending.

The regular chapel pool on Friday will be a part of the retreat. It will end at 10 p.m. All offices of the Baptist Building will be closed during all sessions of the retreat.

The Scope Convention Center is shown in the upper center of this photo of Norfolk. The Southern Baptist Convention will meet here June 15-17.

## William Carey Acquires Gulf Coast Property

President J. Ralph Noonkester of William Carey College and Dr. Bruce Aultman, president of the Board of Trustees have announced jointly that on April 26 of this year, the college entered into contract to purchase the Gulf Coast Military Academy campus at Gulfport.

The twenty-acre property is located at 1856 Beach Drive fronting highway 90 and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The facilities are being transferred officially to William Carey College on June 1, 1976 by Colonel C. M. Holt, sole owner.

The newly acquired campus consists of four major buildings, three frame houses, a swimming pool, and additional storage buildings,

according to a spokesman for the college.

The present William Carey College Gulf Coast academic program will be transferred to the new Gulf Coast campus with the beginning of the fall semester, August 29.

During the summer months, June 15 - August 15, the facility is

being offered as a retreat and conference center to Mississippi Baptist churches in light of the fact that Gulfshore Baptist Assembly is not yet available.

Contacts for use of the new Carey College campus during this summer may be directed to the business manager of the college in Hattiesburg.

## 'Happening' For Singles To Be Held On Gulf Coast

Dr. John Traylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, and the Rev. Harold Bergen, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville will be the worship leaders for the Gulf Coast Happening for Christian Singles — formerly marrieds, career and college — May 28-30. The "happening" will be held at the Gulfport campus of William Carey College. It is co-sponsored by the Sunday School

in the general session on "Learning to Love — Or Again." Marvin Graham, president, Mt. Olive Bank, Mt. Olive, and chairman of the Christian Action Commission, will lead a seminar on

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## Owen Cooper Undergoes Heart Surgery At Baptist

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., prominent industrialist, Mississippi Baptist leader, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, underwent coronary bypass surgery at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, on Friday, April 30.

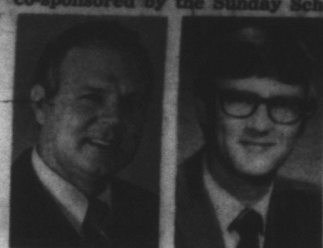
On Monday, May 3, the family reported that doctors are pleased with his condition, and say that he is making satisfactory progress.

He is expected to remain in the Medical Center for some time and to be inactive for the next several weeks.

Mr. Cooper was president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1973 and 1974, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1955 and 1956.

He was a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1970-75, is a member of the General Council of the World Alliance, 1975-1980, and secretary of the Men's Department of the BWA for 1975-1980.

Mr. Cooper has become widely known in Baptist circles around the world, because of his interest in missions and evangelism, and his visits to many mission fields.



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of Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Christian Action Commission.

One of the highlights of the conference will be Personal Growth Seminars as follows:

David Roddy, First Church, Jackson, will direct the leadership conference for those who work with singles — department directors, teachers, pastors and educational directors. Dr. Jack Folis, chaplain, East Mississippi State Hospital, will lead a conference on "Building Self Esteem" and will direct a discus-

## Mississippi Coordinators Told For Service Corps

ATLANTA, GA. — In preparation for volunteer involvement in Bold Mission Thrust efforts, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has named state coordinators for the Christian Service Corps.

Bold Mission Thrust is a special emphasis the objectives of which are to "let every person in our land have an opportunity to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ and to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers."

Christian Service Corps, a volunteer arm of the HMB, provides mission opportunities for persons willing to give from two weeks to a year. CSC workers serve without pay and provide their own transportation to the field.

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## Directors Of Missions Plan Kosciusko Meeting

The Mississippi Conference of Directors of Missions will hold the annual spring meeting in Kosciusko on Friday and Saturday, May 7-8. The banquet on Friday night will feature a mini-concert by Gary Anglin, minister of music at Alta Woods Church in Jackson, and a message by Dr. Lloyd Corder of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia.

A business session will be held during the breakfast meeting on Saturday morning. Following a tour of Central Hills Baptist Retreat property, the group will hear a message by Dr. Harold T. Kitchings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Dr. W. Levon Moore, director of missions for the Atlanta Baptist Association, is president of the state-wide Conference of Directors of Missions and will preside over the meeting. Approximately seventy people are expected to attend.

## "MB" Mothers, Babies Get Mother's Day Tour

All "MB Babies" and "MB Moms" are invited to a special event in Jackson May 9 — and some of the "Babies" will be older than some of the "Moms."

The occasion is National Hospital Week, and officials at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center want everyone born there since its inception in 1911 to visit and tour the center that day.

Since National Hospital Week always begins on Mother's Day,

Moms who delivered at Mississippi Baptist also are invited to tour the 600-bed building which opened February 1.

The Sunday tours (lasting less than an hour) run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and are open to the public as well as to "MB Moms" and "MB Babies." Also open to the public are additional tours the remainder of the week.

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## Village Appeals For Generous Mother's Day Offering

The Baptist Children's Village is engaged in its annual appeal to Baptist churches for designated offerings to the budgeted needs of its ministry with Mississippi's neglected and dependent children. Although a portion of Cooperative Program resources is allocated to The Children's Village, published figures, recently released, indicate that the child care mission remains dependent upon designated giving for approximately 70.9% of its basic and mission operat-

ing needs. CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK (May 2-8, 1976) is the Convention-sanctioned period of mission emphasis upon the work of The Village and MOTHER'S DAY (May 9, 1976) is the date suggested to local churches by the Convention as an appropriate time for church-wide offering appeals designated for the needs of boys and girls who are Village wards. The Administration at the child care agency has again pointed out that

the MOTHER'S DAY offering is the only appeal for designated cash gifts which The Village addresses to churches, organized groups, throughout the year.

Reports released to THE BAPTIST RECORD during the current year have reflected a continued expansion and refinement of the services and ministry being offered by Mississippi Baptists through The Children's Village. Choral groups from the Department of Music entertain

and inspire in church and church-related appearances every week at some place of worship in Mississippi. The Village's ministry of therapeutic music, initiated in June of 1961 has been cited again and again as the outstanding ministry of music in Southern Baptist child care, and perhaps unique among child care agencies of any type in America.

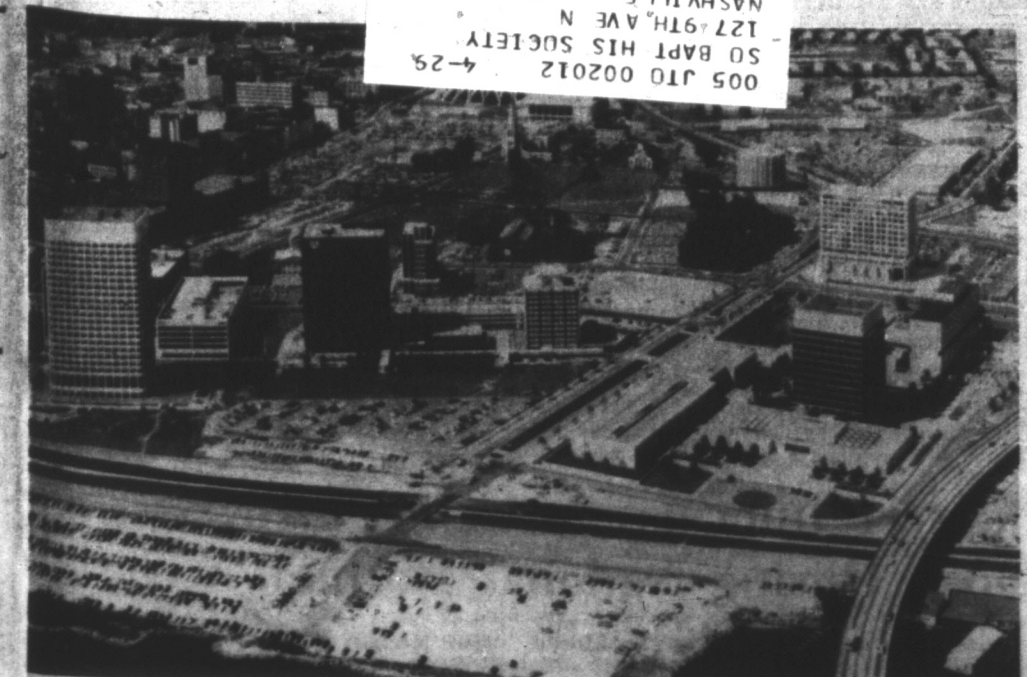
The Department of Activities on the Jackson campus was twice commended through its director,

John L. Self, during the current year as one of the better examples of constructive use of leisure time through recreation, athletics and related activities in the Southeastern and Southwestern areas of the United States. In February, Mr. Self was honored and featured for his work at The Children's Village at the Annual Convention of Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists.

The Department of Character and Career Development which

commenced its work on The Village's Jackson campus on September 1, 1976, has already been widely acclaimed by church and convention leaders in Mississippi as a pioneer effort, among children's homes in moral and character development and spiritual enrichment of the lives of individual children in care. Under the leadership of Mrs. Annette Hitt, department director, substantial progress has been reported in

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# Religious Membership Rises

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Baptist Convention (up 1.77 per cent to 12,513,378), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), (up 21.54 per cent to 2,683,573), Assemblies of God (up 5.27 per cent to 1,239,197), and Jehovah's Witnesses (up 14.09 per cent to 539,262).

Mr. Jacquet has compiled a 34-year survey of membership data for 31 U.S. denominations which shows membership strength remaining fairly constant if not act-

ually increasing as compared with a 50 per cent rise in U.S. population during the period (1940-74).

Denominations which increased faster than the U.S. population during this period included the Southern Baptist Convention, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Reformed Church in America, Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), and Roman Catholic Church.

A Gallup Poll cited in the Yearbook indicates that some 40 per

cent of U.S. adults attend a church or synagogue in an average week. The figure has remained constant from 1971 to 1974.

Other attendance breakdowns have remained essentially the same, the Yearbook reports. More women attend church than men (44 and 35 per cent), and slightly more non-whites than whites (41 and 39 per cent).

A total of 473,841 clergy serve the 223 U.S. denominations report-

ed in the Yearbook. Of that number, 264,084 serve as parish pastors, with the remaining number retired or serving in non-parish situations.

A record-breaking per capita rate of \$116.77 is reported in the 1976 Yearbook for 1974 contributions by church members in 44 bodies. But high rates of inflation prevented the figure from overcoming the 11 per cent drop in purchasing power of the dollar that year.

Total congregational contributions were \$4.20 billion in 1974, up about \$311 million from the previous year. Benevolence giving was \$107 billion, and represented about 20.3 per cent of total contributions.

Figures indicated that a decreased membership is continuing to give more money in most major Protestant denominations.

Combined membership of 10 of the largest total 27,443,000 — 1.3 per cent lower than in previous years — but the combined total of income from contributions showed a 7.7 per cent increase.

Another report in the 1976 Yearbook shows that Jewish, Catholic and Protestant groups received some \$14 billion in income in 1972. The figures were part of a study conducted in 1975 for the Commission on Private Philanthropy.

According to the study, most Catholic gifts (80.1 per cent) are less than \$500, while 80 per cent of Jewish gifts and 62 per cent of Protestant gifts are in this category. But in the upper levels of giving, donations of more than \$1,000 made up 1.9 per cent of Catholic, 5 per cent of Jewish, and 16 per cent of Protestant contributions.

Another trend that was reversed in 1974 was a decline in church building, according to the 1976 Yearbook. It reports that the dollar value of new construction of religious buildings rose from \$814 million to \$974 million in 1974.

In the peak year for new construction of church buildings — 1968 — the total value was \$1,207,000,000. Membership in some of the larger religious bodies also hit a high mark in that year.

## "Career Information Center" To Be Open During National Hospital Week

Young people interested in careers related to hospitals and health care will have an opportunity to learn about that subject during National Hospital Week May 9-15 at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

A "Career Information Center" will be in operation in the medical center's main lobby throughout the week, staffed by center personnel able and willing to answer questions about hospital career opportunities.

The center offers schools and educational programs in affiliation with many educational institutions for nursing, medical technology, radiological technology and respiratory therapy.

The center operates its own School of Medical Technology, in affiliation with Mississippi College and Mississippi State University. Seniors of those two institutions who meet academic requirements may apply.

Those accepted take a twelve-month course of study starting July 1, and graduates are eligible to take the national examination certifying them as medical technologists.

The Mississippi Baptist Medical Center is affiliated with the Mississippi College School of Nursing as a location for in-hospital work done by MC students working toward Registered Nurse status.

And the medical center is affiliated with Hinds Junior College through classes in radiology, respiratory therapy and a program for students working toward a career as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Coordinating the "Career Information Center" at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center during the

week will be Miss Kathy Bearden, career consultant and Baptist Student Union director for MBMC.

The BSU program at the medical center includes worship, prayer, recreation, a student annual, and the annual "Student Night" program, with all activities open to all denominations.

Serving as hosts and hostesses during the week will be winners of recent "Student Night" events, including "Mrs. MBMC" and "Mr. MBMC" winners Susan Pennington and Jim Harris, both of Mississippi College.

## MB' Mothers, Babies Invited For Mother's Day Tour

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day tours May 10-15 are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Groups of more than ten should notify the medical center office in advance (Phone 988-5130).

Ladies of the MBMC Auxiliary will serve refreshments between tours and will staff the play room in the lobby where children may be left by those making the tours.

A colored-slide presentation of medical center scenes will be shown in the lobby for those making the tours and for those who may want to visit the medical center but do not choose to tour.

Paul J. Pryor, executive director of the medical center, said an exhibit featuring photographs of medical center personnel and facilities will be on view in the lobby during National Hospital Week.

Among hosts and hostesses during the week will be "Mrs. MBMC" and "Mr. MBMC" — Mrs. Susan Pennington and Jim Harris — students in MBMC-affiliated educational programs, who won those titles in a recent "Student Night" competition.

Also hosting will be the "Most Beautiful" nominees from five of the educational programs — Linda Taylor, Donna Bates, Sherry James, Sara McAdory and the winner of the "Most Beautiful" title, Jeanne Magee, a sophomore in the Mississippi College School of Nursing.

Other features of National Hospital Week at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center include "Doctor Appreciation Day" on Tuesday, May 11, and an afternoon reception for center employees and an evening service awards dinner on Thursday, May 13.

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center employs over 1200 people in the \$35,000,000 facility now in its fourth month of operation. Theme of this year's National Hospital Week, tied in with the nation's Bicentennial, is "Healthy Birthday, America."

As another National Hospital Week feature, the Jackson unit of the American Heart Association will sponsor a class in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for MBMC personnel Thursday, May 13.

## Revised 'Living Bible' To Be Published In 1977

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tor, Dr. Kenneth Taylor.

The president of Tyndale House Publishers, which was founded in 1971 to distribute the paraphrase, reported on the planned revision at a dinner of United Methodist Men of the Cincinnati District.

Dr. Taylor said three problems with the current version have led to the revision — literary style, possible inaccuracies, and the "frankness that there is in the original" Hebrew, which he tried to reflect in The Living Bible.

The Living Bible has sold some 18 million copies and returned more than \$15 million in royalties in the past five years to the Tyndale House Foundation for use in mission work.

Among other things, the money has been used to translate the book into 100 foreign languages.

Tyndale House has come a long way since it was founded in 1971 by Dr. Taylor. It now has 150 employees and 230 titles in its catalogue, and issues 50 new books a year.

## Southern Baptist Growth In Chicago Is Cited

CHICAGO (RNS) — Reports here indicate that the Southern Baptist Convention has become one of the fastest-growing church bodies in the Chicago area. It is also socially and racially diverse.

Rev. Dale Cross, director of the Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association, said Southern Baptist membership in Cook and Du Page Counties stands at 17,000 in 95 congregations — up from the 1957 figure of 900 in 11 congregations. Baptist Church formation began here about 1955.

Among the 95 churches are 14 predominantly black and eight Spanish-speaking congregations, Cross said.

There are six foreign-language congregations—including a Rumanian, Polish, Arab, Asian Indian, French-Haitian, and what Mr. Cross described as the only Assyrian Baptist Church in the U.S.

The Southern Baptist home mission board has set the goal of doubling its membership in seven midwestern states by 1990. Mr. Cross said five new congregations are expected to be launched in the Chicago area by the end of 1976.

## Children's Village Appeals For Generous Mother's Day Offering

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teaching Village children "the worthwhileness of human nature from a moral and spiritual base."

In late 1975, the Trustees and Administration of The Baptist Children's Village announced occupation by Village children and personnel of cottage facilities constructed expressly for Village use in Tate County, near Independence, on lands contributed by Mrs. Ada Farrow of Bett to Farrow Manor, Inc., a private, non-profit corporation which constructed the cottage — buildings and released them, free of any rental, to The Children's Village, for use by the Village in the operation, at Village expense, of a branch children's home-campus in a rural setting.

It has been reported that "Farrow Manor Campus" as the branch Village installation has come to be known, is already "home" to about 36 people and Village officials assert that the long-envisioned dream of a "country-life campus" which will enable Mississippi Baptists more effectively to serve the needs of

boys and girls who are more comfortable in rural surroundings is now being realized.

Village authorities have again explained that although The Baptist Children's Village, leases, rent-free, and does not own the land and buildings on its Farrow Manor Campus; The Children's Village is responsible for all of the costs and expenses necessary or in any manner related to the care of the children and the operation of the campus, and that the Farrow Manor Campus is a Children's Village operation and ministry.

With the continued successful operation of The Village's group care or "satellite home" in New Albany and The Village's own organized system of foster homes, it has been pointed out that Mississippi Baptists now offer four different major custodial services to orphans and dependent children.

According to Paul N. Nunnery, Village superintendent, the Convention's child care agency is presently extending care and services to more boys and girls than

ever in its recorded history, with the addition of the branch, Farrow Manor Campus. Nunnery pointed out that many of the improvements and extensions effected in the quality of services and ministries offered at The Children's Village had been accomplished almost concurrently with expansion into branch campus facilities, and the expense incurred by The Village in furnishing the new cottages at its Farrow Manor branch.

"The price of progress and the cost of improvement and expansion have been particularly high during these past two years, as all of us have continued to experience inflation to a degree we did not and could not expect," Nunnery commented, "and only a generous Mother's Day offering—the largest in our history—will enable us to preserve and maintain the forward steps recently made in Christian child care. For the children, we beg a special interest in your mission giving at this special season reserved by our Convention to and for them."



The Pastor's Retreat at Camp Zion in Myrtle registered some 112 for the 2½-day meeting. Rev. Leon Emery, above, who was the director of the retreat, makes announcements relative to its program. Rev. Emery is consultant in church administration for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, addressed the Baptist Pastors' Retreat at Camp Zion.



Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, led special interest conferences on preaching during the retreat. The subject for the gathering above was "Expository Preaching."



Dan Hall, standing, and Rev. Dennis Johnsey, seated, led a conference on "Planning for an Effective Worship Experience" during the Pastors' Retreat. Hall is director of the Department of Church Music for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Rev. Johnsey is pastor of Mantee Baptist Church.

## Former Mississippians Named To Southern Faculty Post

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position of dean in the School of Religious Education, a post he held from 1955-69. Since 1973 Graves had led in the development of the Boyce Bible School at Southern Seminary, a program of theological education for non-college graduates.

Graves succeeds Ralph C. Atkinson Jr., dean of the school of religious education since 1973, who resigned, effective July 31. He will accept an administrative post at another Baptist institution which will be announced in the near future.

Five new faculty members were elected during the April trustee meeting. Richard Cunningham, associate professor of systematic theology and philosophy of religion at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., was elected associate professor of Christian philosophy with tenure. The Baylor University and Southern Seminary graduate has been on the faculty of the California seminary since 1967.

Walter B. Shurden, occupant of the Chair of Southern Baptist Studies at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., has been elected associate professor of church history with tenure. Shurden is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, and has taught at Carson-Newman since 1969.

Jamie Blevins, professor of religion since 1969 at Mars Hill (N.C.) college, is a new associate professor with tenure of New Testament interpretation. Blevins holds degrees from Duke and Eastern Universities and Southern Seminary.

Glen Stassen, professor of religion at Berea College, Berea, Ky., was elected to an associate with tenure. Stassen is a graduate of University of Virginia, Union Theological Seminary and Duke University, and is the son of a well-known political figure, Harold Stassen.

A. Jack Glaze, past president of the International Baptist Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1966-75 as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary, has accepted a post as associate professor of Old Testament interpretation, a graduate of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., Mississippi College, and Southern Seminary, been a visiting

professor on the Louisville campus throughout this academic year.

Other trustee action included the selection of E. Glenn Hinson, professor of church history, to occupy the endowed David T. Porter Chair of Church History. Hinson succeeds Morgan Patterson, who will become academic dean at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary this fall.

Additional trustee action on faculty involved granting tenure to Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism, and promotion of Hugh T. McElrath to full professor in the School of Church Music, Larry L. McSwain to associate professor of church and community, and Paul D. Simmons to associate professor of Christian ethics.

The trustees voted to honor Clara A. McCart, administrative assistant to seminary president Duke K. McCall, for her 24 years of service to the seminary. McCart will retire July 31.

New trustee officers elected include Richard M. Stephenson of Richmond, Va., re-elected chairman of the board; Albert Cardwell of Macon, Ga., elected first vice-chairman and chairman of the executive committee; Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, Ky., elected second vice-chairman; and Joe D. Cross of Louisville, Ky., elected secretary.

## Associational Planning Workshop

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persons filling each of the positions involved they could be appointed before the meeting.

"There is no way the importance of this workshop can be over emphasized," Vaughn declared. "The advance of the work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention depends to a very great extent on the work of the associations, and the attendance of each of the persons on these leadership teams at this meeting will make the work of the associations a great deal more effective in my opinion," he added.

## Board Announces New Career Guidance Section

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board has announced establishment of a new career guidance section in response to widespread demands for more aid to pastors and other church staff members.

The new section, implemented "to intensify the board's ongoing work in this area," reflects one of the board's major corporate priorities said board President Grady C. Cothen.

The development of the section by the board's trustees was prompted by requests from a multitude of church and denominational spokesmen.

The section's "mission and ministry is to pastors and other church staff members and their families," said Bob Dale, section supervisor in the board's church administration department.

"We will minister to them throughout their entire ministry career so that they may gain greater effectiveness and fulfillment in their work," he said.

In essence, the section will be involved in four areas of work which have experienced minimum attention by the SBC in the past. These involve guidance and assistance, assessment and counseling, vocational support, and resource development for church vocations workers.

According to Dale, the plan of support includes discovering those persons called to Christian ministry through vocational guidance, which involves nurturing and guiding church vocations workers throughout their ministry careers. The second phase calls for strengthening these workers through career assessment.

Thirdly, the section will encourage this group through coordination of a total pastoral support system, including family, economic, emotional and denominational support. The coordination of a nationwide clinical counseling-referral network is also included.

The fourth purpose of the section is to provide a ministry research service designed to secure and compile research data regarding various aspects of ministry.



## 9,000 Hear Robison As Lebanon Crusade Closes

An estimated crowd of 9,500 turned out on the closing night of the Hattiesburg area-wide James Robison Crusade for Christ held at the Blair High School Tiger Stadium April 25-May 2.

An expected appearance by Singer Johnny Cash and his wife was cancelled on Sunday night due to the unexpected illness of their six year old son. Crowds during the week numbered an excess of 4,000 almost every night and heard crusade music coordinator John McKay and soloist Jeanne Rogers present special music.

Evangelist Robison attacked complacency among Christians during the week-long crusade, terming a complacent spirit a curse to the church. He urged personal relationships with Jesus which would generate compassion for lost people.

On Thursday night Robison's message on "Sex Is Not Love" drew a crowd of approximately 6,300 of which more than half were teenagers. He said that

many pervert the Word of God by trying to compromise the gospel.

The Crusade was sponsored by the Lebanon Baptist Association. Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg served as the chairman of the Crusade Committee. Dr. Joel Ray, director of missions for the association, reported 2,124 decisions were made during the week with 822 of these being professions of faith.

## Damascus To Honor Crider On 50th Anniversary

Damascus Church, Flora, announces a special Mother's Day service honoring Rev. V. R. Crider on his fiftieth anniversary in the ministry of the Gospel.

Morning services will begin at 11, followed by dinner on the ground. Afternoon services will begin at 2; the speaker will be David Johnson.

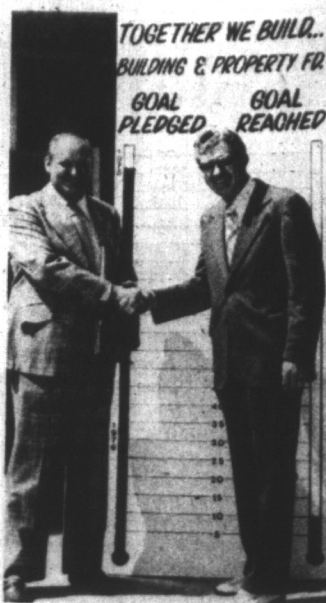
The church would welcome all members, former members, friends, and relatives, according to a spokesman for the congregation.

## Happening For . . .

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"Personal Financing for Singles," and Judie-Lide, Baptist Friendship House, New Orleans, will direct the single young people on "The Challenge of Being Single." "Living As a Single Parent" will be led by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, and "Developing the Dimensions of Intimacy" will be led by Mr. Bergen.

Other highlights of the program will include a symposium on "Programs and Activities for Career Singles and Formerly Marrieds. Dr. Hensley and Mr. Bergen will lead a seminar on "Sexuality and the Single" and Mr. Bergen will lead a discussion on "The Right to Marry — or Remarry."

Others participating on the program, including the symposium, will be Mrs. Jackie Hamilton, Meridian; Dr. Ken Allen, Vicksburg; and Mrs. Nell Stan-



Grisham and Rose

## 1st, Southaven Reaches \$125,000 Building Goal

"God still performs miracles. First Baptist Church, Southaven, Mississippi has just witnessed one," says J. B. Rose the church's pastor. Under the leadership of Johnny Grisham, campaign director, and Pastor Rose, the church reached a goal of \$125,000 in pledges for the Property and Building Fund.

There were 115 of the 235 families pledging to give during the next three years. However, many people who did not pledge are giving on a regular basis.

April financial records indicate the highest giving record during the history of the church. Cooperative Program has increased from 10% to 12% over the previous year.

First Baptist Church, Southaven recently purchased the DeSoto Motel, which will be torn down in due time to make room for expansion of the church buildings. "God has laid on the hearts of our people a great need, as we seek to carry out the great commission of our Lord," says the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Barnes, Mrs. Jackie Payne, Buddy Evers and David Roddy, all of Jackson.

The "happening" will close on Sunday morning with a Bible study period from nine to ten o'clock and a morning worship service, concluding with lunch at eleven-thirty.

## Centurymen Getting Ready For Concert Appearances In Virginia

The sound of music — religious, patriotic and early American — will be heard June 9-11 near Lynchburg, Va., when nearly 100 Baptist men and their families gather at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Assembly for a working retreat.

The music men, of course, are "The Centurymen" — ministers of music from some 100 Baptist churches in 24 states across the Southern Baptist Convention.

They'll be at Eagle Eyrie to rehearse under the baton of Beryl Red, director of the singing group.

Red, music consultant for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will put the men through their musical paces as they rehearse for the several concert appearances scheduled in Virginia the week before the 181st annual Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk.

Dr. Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, will be retreat speaker.

"The Centurymen" will present a community concert of Bicentennial songs and Stephen Foster medleys at 7:30 p.m., June 10 at E. C. Glass High School Auditorium in Lynchburg. The following night, June 11, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, will present the group at 8 p.m. at Roanoke Community Civic Center.

On Saturday, June 12, the Centurymen will travel to Washington where the Baptist Convention of Maryland will sponsor the men's participation that afternoon in "PraisSing'76" at the Washington Cathedral.

From Washington the group will travel to Norfolk where the men will participate in several Convention and pre-convention activities.

"The Centurymen" will sing at the Church Music Conference on Sunday evening, at the Religious Education Conference at noon

Monday, and at the Woman's Missionary Union Convention Monday evening.

On Tuesday evening the Centurymen will make two appearances — they'll present a pre-session concert from 6:30 to 7 p.m., then be seen — and heard — in a special program commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program. The program is being produced by the Radio-TV Commission for the Executive Committee.

Wednesday, June 16, they'll skip the Convention in order to make a concert appearance at 7 p.m. at New Bridge Baptist Church in Richmond.

But they'll return to Norfolk Thursday to participate in the drama the Home Mission Board is presenting during its report to the convention.

And on Friday, June 18, they'll head for home — hoarse.

## Central Hills Baptist Retreat Work Day

Saturday, May 15, 1976

10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Rendezvous at Springdale Baptist Church

Highway 19 Northeast—8 miles from Kosciusko

Bring lunch and tools.

## First, Eudora Calls John L. Perkins

First Church of Eudora (DeSoto) has called Rev. John L. Perkins as pastor.



Mr. Perkins, the son of Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Perkins of Cantonment, Fla., was born in Montgomery, Ala., but was reared in Cantonment. He received a Bachelor of Music degree in church

music from Mississippi College and a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary.

He served as minister of music and youth at First Church, Byram; Northwest Hills Church, Jackson; and First Church of Fairdale, Kentucky.

He goes to Eudora after having served as pastor at Buena Vista Church, Buena Vista, Kentucky.

Mrs. Perkins is the former Sarah Grant, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Grant of Jackson. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary at Louisville. Rev. and Mrs. Perkins are the parents of one child, John Luther Perkins, Jr.

## Graduation Time At Blue Mountain



### "Mr. Fred" Receives Honorary Degree

Fred Smith, prominent Ripley Attorney, was presented an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree during the commencement exercises at Blue Mountain College on May 2 by BMC president E. Harold Fisher (2nd from right). Others on the school's graduation program were (from left) BMC Dean William N. Washburn, Mrs. Clarence Stanford of Ripley, secretary of the Alumnae Association and Joe Hardin-Guyton of Blue Mountain.

## BMC Selects Alumna Of Year

Mrs. Edith Taylor Paschal of Brandon has been recognized as "Alumna of the Year" for 1976 at Blue Mountain College, according to an announcement made by the school.

The selection was made by the school's Alumnae Board and cited her contributions to family, church, community and college. Mrs. Jean Cotey of Tennessee is president of the Alumnae Association.

Mrs. Paschal is the wife of Price Paschal, Sr. of Brandon and the mother of four children. She currently is assistant to the president of Taylor Machine Works in Louisville and is a member of the company's board of directors.

## Blue Mtn. Names Top Educator



### Mortarboards, Please

These Blue Mountain College grads of 1976 get ready for the processional at commencement exercises, on May 2. At right is Lisa Nix, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1975-76 President of the BSU at Blue Mountain; center is Betty Cook, Ashland, custodian of Mortarboards; and left is Jean Dale Crawford of Houlika, who declares here is the top one.

## Dr. Berry Addresses BMC Graduates

Dr. Mary Tom Berry, professor of education at Middle Tennessee State University, addressed the graduates of Blue Mountain College during the commencement exercises on May 2.

## Mississippi . . .

(Continued from page 1)  
Most assignments are in the newer areas of the Southern Baptist Convention — the Northeast, North Central states, Midwest, Far West, and Pacific Northwest. Types of work include vacation Bible schools, migrant work, weekday ministries, survey, construction, and music work. Volunteers serve especially in meeting needs which cannot be met by missionary personnel alone.

Some persons who could consider and college students out for the summer, retired persons or anyone who receives as much as two weeks of vacation. Long-term volunteers may receive aid in obtaining secular employment.

The state coordinators will serve as contact persons available to promote CSC and speak to churches and associations about current opportunities.

These coordinators may be reached through the state director of missions or through the Christian Service Corps, 1350 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30306.

Coordinators for Mississippi are Mr. and Mrs. Murray Alexander of Greenville, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Creel of New Hebron, Mr. Marjorie Rowden of Hattiesburg, Dr. Sammy Simpson of Tupelo, Dr. John Lee Taylor of Grenada; Cooper Walton of Jackson, Dr. M. L. Flynt Jr. of Meridian, and R. T. Robinson of Fulton.

These coordinators may be reached through the state director of missions or through the Christian Service Corps, 1350 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30306.

## Third SBC Joggers Jubilee Planned

NORFOLK (BP) — Plans have been announced for the Third Southern Baptist Convention Joggers Jubilee June 15 to promote jogging as a means toward physical fitness.

In 1974 the first Joggers Jubilee had 87 joggers from 11 states and Brazil. Last year 72 people from 13 states, Brazil, and Kenya were participants, as well as a church jobbing group in Abilene, Tex.

## William Carey To Award Doctorate To Wilson

William Carey College will award the honorary degree, doctor of business administration, to Raymond Wilson on commencement day, May 15. Wilson is Executive Director of Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, the medical center with which William Carey College is affiliated.

in the bachelor of nursing degree program. The announcement was made by the Honorable Bruce Aultman, attorney and chairman of the board of trustees of the college.

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## Perkinston Calls Pastor

Perkinston Church welcomed their new pastor, Rev. George "Skip" Barnett, at the morning worship service on April 18. A reception was held Sunday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Barnett are natives of Jones County. Both graduated from Jones County Jr. College and the Univ. of Southern Mississippi. Mr. Barnett will graduate from New Orleans Seminary in May, 1976. Mrs. Barnett, the former Claudette Stubbs, is employed as a speech therapist in the Orleans Parish School System.

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## REVIVAL RESULTS



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## EDITORIAL

### Election Of A New SBC President

Every two years the Southern Baptist Convention elects a new president. The constitution of the organization stipulates that no man can succeed himself more than once, without an intervening period. The last man to hold three terms was Dr. Robert G. Lee, although the custom early in the century had been for men to be chosen for three terms. By the 1930's, however, the two year concept developed, and it finally was made constitutional. Only one man in the last twenty-five years has not been re-elected for a second term, and that was Dr. K. O. White, who for health reasons, declined the nomination for a second term.

The presidency of the nation's largest evangelical denomination, is a position with little actual power. The main responsibility is presiding at the annual sessions. The president appoints (in consultation with the vice-presidents) the Committee on Committees, the Resolutions Committee and the Credentials Committee. He also is a member of the Executive Committee of the convention. He has no authority over any board or agency or over any committee of the convention. However, besides the demands listed above, the president usually is looked upon as a spiritual leader of the convention, and his term of office is filled with speaking engagements, meetings, and other activities related to the convention and its program. The position is one of responsibility with very little authority, but is one of honor and prestige.

Individuals do not "run" for the office of president of the convention. Unlike the races which we see in national politics, Southern Baptists frown upon any effort to reach the high offices it has to bestow. The general attitude among them is that this is an office which should seek the man, and not one which men should seek. Indeed, when it appears that a man is seeking the office, or that his friends are pushing for his election, that usually means sure defeat for him. Southern Baptists prefer to look for and make their own choice in the matter, and usually the person who

is elected is a person who has won the respect and appreciation of the rank and file of the convention by outstanding leadership and service in his own church, and in denominational life.

Despite this, each time an election approaches one begins to hear rumors as to men who may be nominated for the position. Names usually are not mentioned in the state papers, but in meetings, and where preachers or denominational leaders may get together, some names will begin to surface. This year is no different. Several names have been mentioned, including a number of pastors and a former denominational executive. Among the pastors are the present president of the Pastor's Conference, two former Pastor's Conference presidents, and some others. The convention elects a layman every few years, but we have heard no such names this year, and it is doubtful if there will be one at this time, since Mississippi layman, Owen Cooper, completed his term only two years ago.

Sometimes it has been said that the election to the presidency of the Pastor's Conference is a step toward the SBC presidency. This is not necessarily so, even though six of the last fourteen presidents first served as president of the conference. However, none moved to the higher office directly from the first. Moreover, only 3 out of the last 21 presidents of the conference have reached the SBC position. It is probable that the election to the conference office simply means that a man has reached a place of recognition by his peers, and that same recognition may bring selection by the convention.

The constitution does not set forth qualifications for its president but consideration of those who have held the office reveals that usually the man is pastor of one of the convention's larger churches, which supports the convention program through the Cooperative Program and special offerings. The man usually is graduate of one of our institutions, is well known as an outstanding preacher and pastor, and for his loyalty to the convention.

While no theological tests are set

for men holding the presidential office, almost every one elected in recent years could be classified in the middle of the stream of Southern Baptist conservatism. Some have been outspokenly conservative. It is probable that no preacher who had become known to be theologically liberal, ever could be elected. We remember a time years ago when a widely known Southern Baptist pastor was featured on the front page of Time magazine, in connection with the Baptist World Alliance, but the statement was made in the story that he never could be elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, of which his church was a member. Whether justified or not, he had been classified as more liberal than Southern Baptists like, and the newsmagazine was correct. The convention is not quite as demanding of its laymen as far as the theological stance is concerned, but no openly liberal preacher need ever hope to be president.

This year, for the first time, there is a possibility that the incumbent president of the Pastor's Conference could be elected, if he allows his name to be placed in nomination. His church is one of the largest in the convention, and gives full support to the convention program. He, himself, is outspokenly conservative, and is widely used across the convention as a speaker in conventions, conferences and revivals. The former executive, also is theologically conservative, and before holding his denominational position, pastored some of the convention's strong churches. He is widely known for his denominational leadership, and for his writing and speaking.

Other equally outstanding men also are being mentioned, and no one can predict what will happen, when the nominating is done and the balloting begins. We are confident that Southern Baptists will choose the man they want, whether it is one of these, or someone else whose name has not even been mentioned. The convention has been choosing presidents for 130 years, and a look at history reveals that it always chooses good men. We are sure that it will do that again.



THIS CRUCIAL ELECTION YEAR

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Church In Germany Seeking Pastor

Dear Mr. Odle,

I would like to introduce myself as John Marshall, Chairman of the Pulpit Committee of Grace Baptist Church (English Language), Heidelberg, Germany.

My intent in writing is to provide information regarding our pastorate and to request your assistance in "getting the word out" to ministers about a possible place of service for them.

Grace Baptist Church (English language); Heidelberg, Germany needs SBC pastor; opening will exist 15 July 1976. Interested individuals should contact Mr. John N. Marshall, Logistic Assistance Office - Europe APO New York 09403.

Thank you very much for your assistance. John N. Marshall Chairman

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**DIVORCE HITS NEW HIGH** — "More than a million couples in the United States were divorced last year, the highest number in American history, a new government study shows. And during the same period, the number of marriages dropped to the lowest level since 1900. The report, a profile of the economic and social conditions of the American people during 1975, was released by the Census Bureau. It shows that the number of divorces increased by 6% to 1,026,000 between 1974 and 1975, while the number of marriages decreased by 4% to 2.1 million. . . . The government figures show that in 1975 there were 2.5 million men and 4 million women in the United States who were currently divorced or who had not remarried by the time the survey was taken. Two million of these people had divorced in 1975 alone, bringing the divorce rate to 4.8, which means that 4.8 out of every 1,000 people were divorced. The report shows also that young people continued their tendency to postpone marriage. In 1975, 40% of women between the ages of 20 and 24 were single, compared to 34% in 1960. At the same time, almost 60% of males the same age were single, compared to 53% in 1960." (The Tennessean, April 2, 1976, p. 9)

**STAGGERING MURDER STATISTICS** — "The estimated 20,000 murders committed in the United States in 1974 are more than twice the total battle deaths of U.S. Armed Forces in our Nation's first three major wars. Department of Defense figures reveal Revolutionary War (1775-83) battle deaths as 4,435; War of 1812 (1812-15) as 2,260; and Mexican War (1846-48) as 1,733. Combined, these combat fatalities total 8,428. The sum of murders committed through use of firearms across this land in 1974 is more than triple the total battle deaths of the Revolutionary War alone. Sixty-eight percent of the murders in this country in 1974 were caused by persons using firearms — 54% involved handguns, 9% shotguns, and 5% rifles." (FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, April 1976, p. 31)

**THE GIFT OF WHOLENESS** by Hal L. Edwards (Word, 172 pp., \$5.95) A spiritual "autobiography" of a Methodist preacher, who moved through numerous stages of spiritual experiences before finding "identity" and the meaning of fullness of life. A fascinating, fast moving story of spiritual struggles and baffling places in the spiritual pilgrimage.

#### Bicentennial Feature

### John Hart-Baptist Patriot Retires

HOPEWELL, N. J., Dec. 1776 (BP)— Baptist John Hart, the farmer and legislator who signed the Declaration of Independence, retired from public life here due to ill health.

A champion of religious freedom and individual rights, Hart signed the Declaration knowing it might cost his life and fortune. But he could not foresee the price he would pay for patriotism.

Before the war Hart owned a valuable farm and interest in a number of mills. His property was in the path of the armies, and during the fighting his crops were consumed, his stock driven away and his farm and mills laid waste.

Hart's large family was scattered and the legislator was hunted as a traitor by royal troops. For weeks during the war he was a fugitive in the Sourland Mountains, hunted from house to house, spending the nights wherever he could find shelter, and even sleeping with farm animals.

His wife's health broke under the strain of war and Hart was forced to flee to escape capture. She died during his absence.

Hart had earlier given the land on which the Hopewell Baptist Church was built and he and his family worshipped there regularly.

He served in the New Jersey Assembly 10 years where he militantly defended popular rights. Hart opposed the Stamp Act, favored an address to the king which declared that the right to tax resided with the colonies, and led the opposition against providing for royal troops.

He was elected to the Continental Congress on June 22, 1776, and at age 65 signed the Declaration of Independence on Aug. 2, 1776. That same year he was elected vice-president of the New Jersey Congress and was unanimously selected as speaker of the first assembly under the new constitution of New Jersey.

John Sherman Cooper, U.S. Senator (Ky.): "More and more I believe that our greatest influence in the world would be an example of justice and morality in our own country."

Marjorie Holmes, author: "The man or woman who treasures his friends is usually solid gold himself."

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#### NEWEST BOOKS

**RESOURCES FOR RENEWAL** edited by George E. Worrell (Broadman, paper, 196 pp., \$3.50) Sermons, Bible studies, and interpretations on the new "renewal" movement which has swept Christian groups across America and now is in wide use among Southern Baptists. The author is director of the program for the Texas Baptist Division of Evangelism. Here is a handbook on what the program will do and how it can be used in any church.

**THE DEFENSE RESTS ITS CASE** by Don J. Outridge Jr. (Broadman, paper, 96 pp., \$2.25) A lawyer in Oklahoma City, who also is an active Christian witness, deals with questions faced when confronting unbelievers with the claims of Christ. Is the Bible the Word of God? Is Jesus Christ really the Son of God? Did Christ really rise from the dead? Evolution? Miracles? Good people lost? Hypocrites? Heaven, hell? What does it mean to be a Christian? How to deal with these questions is clearly shown, with the point being made that the witness must bring the lost person face to face with Christ. Clear suggestions are made for effective Christian witness.

**NEW PERSONS IN AN OLD WORLD** by Joseph B. Underwood (Broadman, Readers Plan Selection, 128 pp., \$2.50) Joseph Underwood is Consultant on Evangelism and Church Development for the SBC Foreign Mission Board. For the past five years world Baptists under the Baptist World Alliance have been united in their world mission under the slogan "Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ." In this book Dr. Underwood tells of how Christ is moving in hearts around the world. Here are numerous thrilling stories of witness and work as Baptists preach Christ to people everywhere.

**YOU'VE GOT CHARISMA!** by Lloyd John Ogilvie (Abingdon, 175 pp., \$4.95) The pastor of the Hollywood (Calif.) Presbyterian Church, discusses in popular sermon type messages what the fullness and richness which can come to the Christian life when the Holy Spirit is allowed to come into the life in all His fullness. This is discussion of the Charismatic movement in a new dimension, revealing that there is power and victory in living and witnessing, without some of the extremes claimed by some today.

**SALVATION BY SURPRISE** by Earl F. Palmer (Word, 196 pp., \$5.95) Studies in the book of Romans. Not a commen-

tary in the ordinary sense. Rather the author seeks to analyze the book with charts, interpretations, etc. Links Roman theology with Old Testament revelation, with the fulfillment of God's purpose in Christ, and with the plan of God's witness through the church. The author is a Presbyterian pastor in California.

**PREACHING FROM GENESIS** — The Perfecting of the Believer's Faith by J. W. Lee (Baker, 137 pp., \$4.95) The author is former Mississippi Baptist pastor, who now teaches at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. Fifty-two sermon outlines on the book of Genesis. Each outline is based upon a scripture segment, or selection of several segments. Each outline includes an introduction, a well developed outline, and often a conclusion. Subjects cover many of the great truths revealed in the book. This is not a commentary, but outlines which "preach through the book. The book should be invaluable to those who desire to plan a program of preaching through Genesis, and will help preachers to know how to preach through other books.

**WHEN IS JESUS COMING AGAIN** by Hal Lindsey and others (Creation House, pocketbook paper, 96 pp., \$1.45) Six prophetic scholars discuss the coming of Christ, and the place of the "rapture" in the Second Coming. Will it be before, during or after the "tribulation?" Several views are presented. This is a book for those who are thoroughly familiar with the Bible teaching concerning the Lord's return. It probably will be confusing to those just being introduced to the doctrine. The book does include a listing of and description of some of the many books now appearing on prophecy.

**BAREFOOT DAYS OF THE SOUL** by Maxie Dunnam (Word, 132 pp., \$4.95). Messages on the Christian experience and Christian living by a United Methodist minister who grew up in Mississippi and pastored in this state. The messages are personal in their application, poetic in their beauty, and rich in illustration.

**GOD IS EVERYWHERE** selected by Harold Whitley (Hallmark Crown Editions, 16 pp., \$5.95) Thirty-four poems and 17 famous quotes are accompanied by thirty related photographic illustrations (16 color and 14 black and white), all inspiring writings that reveal God's nearness and love. These writings could be used in devotional talks, sermons, or to put a plus in private devotions and meditations.

**THE END TIMES NEW TESTAMENT** by David Wilkerson (Chosen - Revell, 300 pp., paper, \$3.95).

An edition of the Living New Testament with every prophetic reference to future things printed in green. The editor is David Wilkerson, widely known for his The Cross and the Switchblade and his work with youth.

**LEADING DYNAMIC BIBLE STUDY** by Rice A. Pierce (Broadman, 128 pp., paper, \$2.50).

Step-by-step helps for leading groups in study of the Bible. The author is an editor of Bible teaching materials for the Sunday school board. This will be a practical handbook for every person who has to teach or wants to learn to teach effectively.

**CHRISTIAN MISSION IN THE MODERN WORLD** by John R. W. Stott (Intervarsity, paper, 128 pp., \$2.95).

An English Bible teacher and writer speaks on "What the Church should be doing now!" These are the 1975 Chavasse Lectures at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. Subjects are Mission, Evangelism, Dialogue, Salvation and Conversion.

**1,000 STORIES AND QUOTATIONS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE** Compiled by Wayne E. Warner (Baker, paper, 362 pp., \$4.95.) Famous people speak on many subjects. Rich in content. Well indexed.

**MAN IN ADAM AND IN CHRIST** by Arthur C. Custance (Zondervan, 348 pp., \$6.95).

Volume III of a series in which sixty theological studies, called The Doorway Papers—are to be published. What is wrong with man? How was man created in the image of God? What is the meaning of "lost?" The forgiveness of sin; the plan of salvation. How does one become a child of God? All of these are studied theologically and philosophically.

**THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH** — Demos Shakarian as told to John and Elizabeth Sherrill (Chosen-Revell, 187 pp., \$6.95).

The story of the founder of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. Tells of the coming from Armenia of a Christian group, including the grandfather and grandmother of this man who now is leader of one of the most active charismatic groups.

**WHEN GOD SAYS YOU'RE O. K.** by Jon Tai Murphy (Intervarsity, paper, 130 pp., \$2.95).

A Christian Approach to Transactional Analysis. How a quiet, confident relationship with God changes all of life's relationships.



# Children's Village Provides Home, Faith, Basis For Life

By Janie Thomas

Hello. My name is Janie Thomas and I'd like to introduce you to a friend of mine. His name is Jesus. Through the good, the bad and the happy and the sad, He was always there.

On Aug. 5, 1945, the doctor pronounced me a normal, healthy, baby girl. Two months later, deserted by a very young teen-age mother, I was left in the hands of an aging grandmother and alcoholic father, who traveled several states playing in a band. The real responsibility of raising myself and my sister, who was three years older than I, fell to our aging grandmother. She was a fine Christian lady and she took the responsibility with zest. Half the time we were hungry and clothesless, but we knew we were loved.

When I was 4, our beloved grandmother had a stroke which left her paralyzed. Then the burden of raising us shifted from relative to relative,

who already had more responsibilities of their own than they could bear. When I was 6, our father resumed his role. We went to live in Canton. We were placed in a boarding-house and our father resumed his normal activities, popping in to check on us every three or four months. Had it not been for the dear, sweet, little lady who ran the boarding-house, I daresay, we would have starved.

One day in our wanderings through the streets of Canton, a truant officer asked us why we were not in school. We did not know what school was, let alone, that we should be in it. He promptly began checking into our situation and we were turned over to the Welfare Department.

At the age of 7, my sister and I were placed in a foster home in Conehatta. This was our home for the next two years. Then our foster parents told us that we were going to live at the Baptist Orphanage

in Jackson.

The big day arrived, and the only thing I can remember is that I was scared and my sister was crying. Years later as I look back on that small, frightened girl, I realize that it was the luckiest day of my life.

As I began life at the orphanage, school became very important to me. I began to develop a love for reading. With the help of some dedicated teachers and my own desire to learn, I was able to skip several grade levels, and within a few years I was soon on my proper grade level for my age. I think it was at this period in my life that I began dreaming of going to college and one day becoming a teacher.

At the age of 12, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Not only was I growing mentally and physically but spiritually as well. Jesus became a real and true friend. At the age of 13, my long-

lost mother appeared and wanted my sister and me to come and live with her in Pensacola, Fla. She had remarried and was doing quite well. We spent that summer with her, and at the end of the summer, with my mother's urgings, my sister chose to stay, but I didn't. You see, I had this dream, and I knew if I stayed it would never come true. I can remember returning to the orphanage, once again, scared and alone, but this time I knew I had a friend who was closer than a brother or a sister.

When I was in the 10th grade, all of the kids at the orphanage received a gift from Hollandale. Mr. Paul N. Nunnery, the new superintendent. I can think of no other person, over the years, who has had a more dramatic effect on my life. The first thing he did was to change the name of the Baptist Orphanage to the Baptist Children's Village, because really there were on-

ly seven or eight true orphans, the rest were products of broken homes, such as I was. With Mr. Nunnery began a long series of changes. Lifting the social stigma attached to the Baptist Orphanage, he opened the way for young, healthy lives to emerge.

I graduated from Central High School in 1963. In 1967, with the help of the Village, I graduated from Mississippi College, fulfilling my life long dream of becoming a teacher. I married a very fine man, and today we live in Leland and serve the Lord at the First Baptist Church.

Every year that I've taught school, I've been able to look across a sea of eager, young faces, and with much love in my eyes, say, "As long as you have God in your heart and a dream as big as a whole, wide world, you can be anything you want to be. For God makes a way where there is no way."

Doesn't our wonderful God

move in strange and mysterious ways! So the next opportunity you have to give, remember that in giving we are actually sharing God's Love with others. We can't out give Him, and truly the blessing lies in the giving and not the receiving.

The man who started it nineteen centuries ago said it so aptly, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

The most important thing we can ever do in this life is to share this Jesus, my friend.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Mrs. Robert D. (Janie) Thomas of 100 Lilac Drive in Leland is a school teacher who is presently devoting her time to her home and two small children. The Thomases are active in the First Baptist Church of Leland.

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## SCRAPBOOK

### Mending

A basket and scissors, a needle and thread,  
Some patches and buttons, and mending begins.  
A pile of "still usable" — worn, torn, and outgrown —  
I'd throw most away, but they're almost like friends.  
The holes in these socks —  
In the heels and the toe —  
Remind me how fast  
Kids feet go as they grow.  
And this dress — can it be  
That she's gotten so tall,  
To need two more full inches —  
And just since last fall?  
My, oh, my, Son!  
I know knees have no chance,  
But how did you lose  
The seat out of these pants?  
And two buttons missing  
Off your new blue shirt, Honey?  
Yes! And the same old ones —  
Right over your tummy.  
Ah, finished at last!  
Oh, No — Not quite yet —  
There's the doll with one arm  
And that broken train set.

Then there's always  
That harder mending I do  
On the wears an' tears, and the growth in the lives  
That need my attention, too.

### Substantial Continuity

Today as I hardly dare caress the petals  
Of the red rose I wear, lest they fall,  
My mother, 87, throws a large ball  
And my toddling grandson runs joyously  
To play the game.  
Introspective, I recline upon our country steps,  
And it seems to me the universal mother's yearning  
Has been the same  
In all the fragile years.  
A mother wants the message of salvation  
To flow forever in inherent purity,  
To assure the heart of youth eternal security.  
Jesus left us promises,  
Written in the Bible on tables of stone,  
Witnessed in His Blood, that in life or death,  
He'll never, no never, leave us alone.  
The baby's feathery ball bounces my way,  
And suddenly there are four generations at play.

—Violet Tackett

These tasks I begin on bended knees,  
With head that's bowed down low.  
I lift my hands to the Lord above  
And ask for His help as I sew.

Lord, give me a Basket of Wisdom,  
Equipped with Thy mending tools —  
With every shade of the Threads of Love  
Bound tightly 'round Faith as their Spools.

Give me the Needles of Care and Concern,  
And a Cushion of Grins for my Pins.  
Now with pins and needles, and basket an' thread —  
My other mending begins.  
Lots an' lots of the Thread of Love  
Can darn up a broken heart,  
But I'll need the Scissors of Hope an' Realism  
To give shattered dreams a new start —  
The Patches of Tolerance and Forgiveness  
For feelin's hurt by a jolt —  
And Yards an' Yards of Encouragement  
And Understanding by the Bolt.

Throw in the Buttons of Courage and Song  
To hold worries and fears inside.  
Then help me to use the Tape Measure of Grace  
And not just the rule as my guide.

Now, take my hand in Your hand, Lord  
And make clear each task that I do:  
So that my life — and the lives in my care —  
Might be totally patterned by YOU.

—Mary Rosalind Healy Bradley

### Mother's Bouquet

Red roses for memories these words convey  
From a garden of love a mother's bouquet

Mother of mine, God's gift from above,  
To look to, to lean on, to laugh with, to love

Tired and weary shoulders now hug a purple knitted shawl  
How gently time is erased when Mother's voice comforts all

Mothers are a living, loving source of power  
Infusing life, bringing seed to flower

—Eva B. Tyrone (to Mrs. Anna Stamps)

### Key To Victory

The greatest victories I ever won  
Were not won with sword or shield.  
They were won alone in a quiet place  
As in prayer, humbly, I knelt.

—Dexter Truesdale



### Mother's Day — USA

An American mother and her child embrace each other in a moment of contentment and love. (RNS Photo by Bob Taylor)

### Growing Big

If you can take a little thought  
To help a soul in need, write  
someone a friendly note, or do  
a kindly deed  
Well that will help your little  
thought grow big

If you can take a little child  
Give it drink and food  
Love it and teach it to be good  
Then you have helped a little soul  
grow big

If you can take a little seed  
Plant, feed, and water it to help  
it grow  
Then you have seen God's bigness  
In your garden here below  
If you can take some scraps of  
cloth and make a bedside cover  
Or take a shattered life and piece  
it back together  
Then you have made your own life big

—Evelyn Rohr, age 75

# Jackson County Baptists Join Battle Against Illiteracy

By Linda Skupien

"Every day I go home and on the way into my house I pick up my newspaper. I sit down inside

and open up my paper. My children don't know I can't read."

Joe (not his real name) is one of thousands of adult Americans facing a complex society without

leadership of Mrs. Fran Vandercook, associational Women's Missionary Union director. But don't expect students to just come forward and say "I can't read," Mrs.

about adult learning characteristics to other languages.

The Laubach method now reaches people worldwide with lessons in 313 languages repre-

"That way we can give individual help," Mrs. Echeberger said. "You don't have to reveal their secret. We try never to tell anyone else who we are teaching."

ent from you or that smells a little different from you, then you can't be in this ministry."

Volunteers have also found sacrifices are necessary. It takes









### "Service To Humanity" Awards

These six individuals, all outstanding in their particular areas of interest, were honored by Mississippi College with the "Service to Humanity" award. The awards were presented during chapel ceremonies and the honorees feted at a reception. Seated are Mrs. Martha Laurie Nelson (left), Pelahatchie, author and lecturer; and Mrs. Judy Moon Denson, Jackson, television personality. Standing, from the left, are Dr. W. P. Davis, Jackson, retired director of Work With National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Rev. Jerry Rankin, Clinton, missionary to Indonesia now on furlough; Horace Holmes, Summit, president of Southwest Mississippi Junior College; and Dr. Bill Thames, Wesson, president of Co-Lin Junior College.

## Sunday School Lesson: International-

# The Challenge Of Conformity

By Wm. J. Fallis

Joshua 24:1-18; Romans 12

"Every family in our block is sending the children to a private school." "Man, all the guys have tried this stuff."



"She may be sweet and smart, but we don't want her in this sorority." Each statement could be a challenge to some Christian in the listening group, or it could just express the sentiments of everyone. Every group strives to make its members conform to the life pattern of the majority. That is an unconscious means of holding the group together. They trust

one another when all agree on how to act on crucial questions. So, the pressure to conform in dress, language, habits, and life view is strong on all members. But Christ's standards are broader than social patterns.

### The Lesson Explained Conformed Or Transformed? Verses 1-2

"Therefore" in verse 1 is an important word because it looks back to the previous eleven chapters in which Paul had presented the gospel as he understood it. Having been saved by God's grace, the believers had an obligation to let God change their ways of living. Offering to him their very lives for that purpose was the kind of worship he wanted.

Paul knew that the world — the present age, the modern culture —

would ridicule the need for change and use subtle pressures toward conformity. He knew that most people really do not want to be different; they really want to be accepted by the "beautiful people." He warned against conforming to the popular pattern. Instead, redeemed living required a renewal of the mind. So drastic would be the needed changes in attitudes and actions that it would be a transformation of a person's whole outlook on life. When believers would let God do that to them, they would understand the will of God and know what he expected of them.

### How To See Oneself And Serve Verses 3-8

Basic to that transformation is being able to appraise oneself honestly. Paul warned against thinking too highly of oneself; rather self-evaluation should be measured by the faith God has given each believer. A wholesome approach is to view oneself as a part of the church family. Even as a human body has various parts and organs working interdependently, so the church consists of many members, each one unique yet joined together in Christ. In the church no one can take pride in his distinctive skill because even that was a gift of God's grace.

So, the believer deserves no special honor because of his gift, whatever it might be. Instead, each one should use his gift in such a way as to strengthen the church as a whole. That means doing one's job well and sticking with it, even to being generous in giving and cheerful when being kind.

### How To Treat Others Verses 9-16, 14-18

Conforming to the local life-style might require little interest in one's neighbor, but the transformed life is based on sincere love, the brotherly kind. Genuine love knows the difference between evil and good, and it acts accordingly. The latter half of verse 10 can read: "Outdo one another in showing honor" (RSV). A good place to start is the home.

Even people outside the believing community are treated differently by the transformed person. Verses 14, 17-18 refer to outsiders. Paul urged Christians not to meet evil with more evil but to ask God's blessing on their opponents. They should always try to be honest in their dealings and to live peaceably with all kinds of people. Verses 14-15 refer to relations within the church family, offering practical advice on demonstrating love. Selfish pride cannot have a place in the church where all are brothers in Christ.

LOME, Togo — Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in French-speaking countries of West Africa, meeting here recently for the 8th annual Francophone Conference, adopted a unified program of education and requested full-time publications and radio-TV coordinators.

## Do It Now!

By C. J. Olander

In recent years God has entrusted to us — Mississippi Baptists — material blessings far beyond our fondest hopes and expectations, yea, far more than any of us deserve. We are not only startled but frightened as we come to realize that God has a purpose in giving them to us, and that he is holding us accountable to him for the use of every one of them.

Before too long, many of us will come to the place that one of my former members did some years ago. He said, "Brother Olander, before too long I am going to shake hands with Saint Peter. You have helped me to see the opportunities. I have now to honor my Lord with my substance. I am now ready to do so." He did then.

Of course, if we have children and needy relatives, we should not forget them. However, sentiment and sympathy should not keep us from making the proper and most God-honoring distribution of what he has made us stewards of.

Frankly, I have seen too many estates that proved a curse to children and needy relatives when they came into possession of

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Providing A Secure Foundation

Ephesians 5:21-44

I Corinthians 13:4-7

By Bill Duncan

Do you talk to your plants? Today there is a lot of emphasis on indoor flower arrangements in hanging baskets. My wife, Marion, has gotten on the kick. Around the bay window in the breakfast room she has hung some plants. Much to her frustration several of the plants "just died." I have enjoyed joking with the family that the plants died because of all the "fussing" at meal time. I have tried the psychology that we need to create a good atmosphere for the plants by talking nice at the table. Honestly, I was thinking more of the parents than the plants. However, in examining the problem of the plants, dying we discovered the air vents were putting out too much dry air and the plants could

not survive in that atmosphere.

This is the last of the series of studies to help parents, grandparents or any other adult provide an atmosphere in the home, church and community in which children may more easily have faith in Jesus Christ and develop their high potential as committed individuals. In this atmosphere each member of the family can develop the feeling of security, respect for one another and valid self-esteem.

The greatest strength within a marriage centers around a common religious basis. Most people think that religion is a matter of choice. But it is not so optional if you read the Bible correctly. Life is never what it is supposed to be until Jesus Christ is recognized as the Saviour and Lord of life. When one relates properly to God, then he can relate to another human being as he should.

er human being as he should.

Know how to tell if somebody is really a Christian? Go home with him. Talk to his or her children. Talk to the husband or wife.

Some time the only thing that a parent may be interested in doing is making a good impression upon visitors or company. This parent may have forgotten that the greatest evidence of a Christian home is not seen immediately. The child may have to grow up before the fruit is produced. But the truth of the foundation will come out in the wear and tear, up and downs, the ins and outs of everyday life. We may be embarrassed at what we see exposed at a time of weakness.

Billy Sunday once said, "Try praising your wife, even if it does frighten her at first." "Husband, love your wife," is the first sure element for a good foundation for a marriage or a home for children. "Nobody else in the universe, in heaven or hell, can love your wife — except you. You must not leave any question — any doubt in the mind of your wife. Then the house will not be a prison for her but a palace."

The role of Christ as the head of the church was to be the guideline for the role of the husband in the home. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. As Christ so is the husband to be in furnishing security, identity, unity, and destiny.

"As the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything" (Eph. 5:24). As the church looks to Christ with gratitude for his redeeming qualities, the wife is to look toward her husband with gratitude, for he is her means of living to the fullest the purposes of God in this life. The wife is to respect the husband with total trust. If the wife will be as available to her husband as the body is to the head, he will be inclined to treat her as his body, with respect, and provide her with joy.

Many who profess and call themselves Christians absolutely flinch at God's requirements for full manhood and womanhood. Anita Bryant said, "I thought I'd never describe myself as submissive. But submissive, I was to learn, doesn't mean timid. It doesn't mean a woman is meant to be overrun, downtrodden, and all that. To submit is a voluntary act of love and trust. It's a deliberate yielding and deferring to your husband in obedience to God's plan for your life. Until we do that we cannot please God. Think of today's unhappy women who struggle to usurp men's authority. Their efforts can only be fruitless and result in self-defeat and misery because I can't see where they're supported by God's Word."

In Christian marriage the subjection is mutual: "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ." The only formula for



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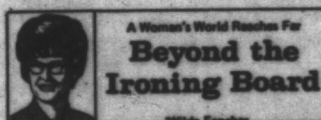
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James Parker, Oakland Heights  
James Ruffin, Poplar Springs  
May 12  
Harold Lollar, Pine Forest  
James Stephens, Pine Grove  
Charles Griffith, Russell



Two very terse statements I heard last week keep coming back to me. It's been a while since I've heard as much said in as few words, so I'd like to share them with you.

The first statement was made by a white man to as much of the world as happened to be watching the national news. He was narrating the segment covering the crash of the 727 at Charlotte Amalie in the Virgin Islands. The smoking, sickening pictures were finally replaced by a picture of the reporter holding his mike and wrapping up his report with, "The plane simply ran out of runway."

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## First, Oxford Dedicates New Organ

The culmination of an organ fund started in December, 1972 was realized Sunday afternoon, May 2, when a 28-rank pipe organ was officially dedicated at First Church, Oxford.

Samuel Porter, church organist and assistant professor of organ and head of the organ department at Ole Miss, was the recitalist for the 4 p.m. program.

Consisting of 1,800 pipes of varying sizes and materials, the organ was built at a cost of \$70,000 by the Wicks Pipe Organ Co. of Highland, Ill. The tonal design of the instrument evolved from the planning of Wicks representative Robert Capra, Jr., Samuel Porter and the music committee of the church under the leadership of Dr. Hugh Bateman, chairman.

The pipes are placed in 28 ranks controlled by three keyboards and a pedal board. The choir and swell manuals are under expression (enclosed in chambers on each side of the baptistry with on each side of the choir loft) while the entire great is exposed. The sixteen foot pedal principal pipes are located on each side of the baptistry with the remaining pedal pipes in the swell chamber, located to the left of the choir loft. Wind for the organ is generated by a large electric blower and is fed through various conduits into the many chests upon which the pipes stand. The action is direct electric and voicing is open toe.

## Memorial Day At Roundaway

Roundaway Church will observe Memorial Day on May 9. John N. Lee, a former pastor, from Jackson, will bring the memorial message at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served following this message.

Frank and Linda Madden of New Albany will bring special music. At 1:30 p.m. there will be singing; congregational, solos, and groups. Tommy Campbell, soloist of Ruleville will sing.

A short memorial service led by Mrs. J. W. Gibson and an offering for the care of the cemetery will conclude the program.

## We Are Responsible For Today

By Rob Sugg, Pastor, Fellowship, Bellefontaine  
Ezekiel 14:12-13

In this our bicentennial year, the urge is greater than ever to look at our heritage. We are reminded at every turn of the great leadership of our founding fathers. We are told of their visions, of their sacrifices, and of their work. And we see around us the results of all of these.

This is also a time for stressing beginnings in the Baptist denomination. There are many men we refer to as "giants in the faith" who laid the foundation for the Southern Baptist Convention as we know it today. Their lives are an inspiration to us as we face these troubled days. Many of their thoughts and teachings are still presented in our churches. We have had a great beginning and God has richly blessed us through the years.

This was exactly the trap into which Israel had fallen. They were the chosen people of God. God had established the nation. God had led them out of captivity in Egypt into a land of their very own. God had given them a land of milk and honey, a land of great material blessings. God had given them great leaders, both political and spiritual. Nothing could harm them. Not even God would destroy what must have been the "apple of his eye."

But God said, if I lift up my hand against a nation, even those great leaders of the past would only be able to save themselves. They would not even be able to save their own children.

Many agree that the hand of God is raised over America today either to bless or to curse. The important thing is that we understand we cannot rely on what has gone before. We are responsible to God for today.

## Revival Dates

Oak Grove (Amite): May 14, 15, 16; Rev. Leo Humphrey, New Orleans, La., evangelist; Rev. Donald Hintze, pastor; services at 7:45 p. m. weekdays; regular hours on Sunday.

Jeff Davis Association Area-wide — "Christ's Freedom Crusade"; May 30 - June 4; High School Football Stadium, Prentiss; Rev. Sam H. Jones, pastor, Glenview Church, Fort Worth, Texas, evangelist; Rev. Mike Jones, pastor, Harleton Church, Harleton, Texas, music evangelist; Combined Crusade Choir; services nightly, 7:30 p. m. Rev. L. B. Atchison, Director of Missions, Publicity Chairman.



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## Volunteer Activist Awards Are Given

Germaine Montell Cosmetique Corporation, the National Center for Voluntary Action, and McRae's Department Stores are saluting ten exceptional people from across Mississippi as Volunteer Activists for 1976, in recognition of outstanding volunteer service. Formerly called Beautiful Activist, this event has been renamed and includes men as well as women. Awards were presented in Jackson April 23-25 during the Arts Festival to Marianne Brown, Hattiesburg; Mrs. E. M. Chappell, Jackson; Mrs. Wayne Christian, Lucedale; Mrs. Lyn Cook, Starkville; Mrs. Howard E. Hinesley, Brookhaven; H. D. McGee, Fulton; Mrs. Fred B. Smith, Ripley; H. M. Thompson, Jackson; Mrs. Curtis E. Thrash, Ocean Springs; and Mrs. Hillman Wedgeworth, Laurel. Five of these (pictured above) are Baptists.



## West Side To Build Pastorium

West Side Church, Macon, Noxubee Association, recently broke ground for a new four-bedroom brick pastorium. The Building Committee, left to right: Rev. Kenneth Overby, pastor, Mrs. Patsy Hailey, Mrs. T. E. Hatcher, Odell Higginbotham, Mike Shelton, William Wood, and Jack Sellers.

## State's Largest Rural Church Breaks Record After ACTION

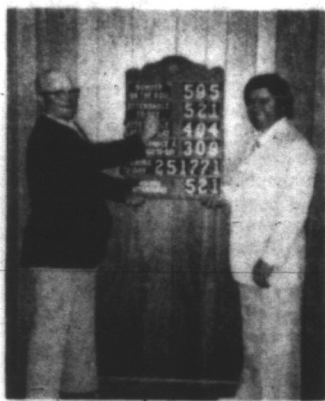
Mississippi's largest rural church broke a record in Sunday School attendance, on the last day of an ACTION campaign. Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale had a record attendance in Sunday School of 921 on April 4, according to the associate pastor, Rev. Ron Roberts.

The previous record attendance at Sunday School at Rocky Creek had been 488. There are 800 enrolled in the Sunday School.

The average attendance at Sunday School in recent months had been around 293. During the month of April, the average attendance was 430.

Sunday School director Tom Havard led in the ACTION campaign. Rev. Sonny Adkins is the pastor.

Resident membership of the open country church is about 750.



Tom Havard, left, is Sunday school director at Rocky Creek, and Rev. Sonny Adkins, right, is pastor.

## Vanceleave Calls Felix Greer, Jr.

Rev. Felix V. Greer, Jr. is the new pastor of the Vanceleave Baptist Church in the Vanceleave community north of Ocean Springs. He comes to the Vanceleave church after having served as pastor of the Trinity Church of Hammond,

Louisiana for the past six years. The new pastor is a native of Louisiana, grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, and is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Greer will receive the D. Min. degree from the New Orleans Seminary in May, 1976. Mrs. Greer is the former Waldine Brummett of Jackson; the Greers have two sons, Jonathan and Jason.

## Oakland Honors Sellers On 10th Anniversary

Oakland Church held a special service April 11 honoring Dr. and Mrs. Buford Sellers in a celebration of their 10th year at Oakland. Dr. Sellers and his family moved to Oakland in April 1966.

Rev. W. H. Haynes, Master of Ceremonies, presented Mrs. Sellers a rose for every year she has devoted her service to the church and community. Thomas Holland presented a history of achievements of the Oakland Church under the leadership of this family.

Walter Mullens, chairman of deacons, presented Dr. Sellers with a gift of money from the church in an expression of their love for this family. Haynes presented Mrs. Sellers with a money tree from all the people of Oakland and people from the surrounding communities. The Master of Ceremonies then presented a "Book of Memories" to the Sellers family. Included in this book were letters and notes written by people of Oakland the surrounding areas.

Special music was presented by Mrs. Betty Spratlin of Vardaman, a member of the "Rebelaire's" Quartet.

Dr. Vah Dyke Quick, vice-president of student affairs, Mississippi College, brought the message for the day. Dr. Quick was a professor at Mississippi College when Dr. Sellers was a student there.

Everyone was invited to stay for lunch at the church.



Rev. and Mrs. Buford Sellers

Perfect poise is not looking self-conscious in the front pew.

## THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Many churches regularly observe children's church services, pointedly arranged for the special spiritual and emotional needs of its boys and girls. May we respectfully suggest that EVERY service in EVERY Baptist Church in Mississippi should become children's church on MOTHER'S DAY for the special needs of all of our boys and girls. On May 9, in your service, would you consider:

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You give God your best, and  
He'll give you His best!

## Christian Life Conference Begins At Morrison Heights, Clinton, May 23

Jack R. Taylor, executive director of Dimensions in Christian living in San Antonio, Texas, and Ron Dunn, pastor of MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church in Irving, Texas, will be featured program personalities for the Christian Life Conference to be held at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, May 23-27.



Mr. Taylor, a native Texan, is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Seminary. He recently resigned from the Castle Hills First Baptist Church in San Antonio for a full-time ministry in writing and conferences.

Broadman Press calls him their best-selling author. Two of his books are The Key to Triumphant Living and Much More.

Mr. Dunn, an Oklahoman, began his first pastorate at the age of 15. In full-time evangelism since 1968, he is a graduate of OBU and Southwestern Seminary.

All services for the Christian Life Conference will be at the Morrison Heights Church, 201 Morrison Drive, Clinton. The public is invited. "Our church is delighted to welcome you to the

first Christian Life Conference to be held in the Jackson area," says the pastor, Rev. Charles Gentry.

Conferences will be held Sunday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m., led by Taylor; and then daily Monday, May 24, through Thursday, May 27, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m., led alternately by Taylor and Dunn.

A Tuesday luncheon, May 25 at noon, for area pastors, in Fellowship Hall of the church, will be by reservation only.

Nursery will be available each session for babies through preschool.

"Be a worker. Work your brain and your body."

No Man needs one of my smiles more than the man who has offered me one of his frowns.

## Montgomery To Have Old-Fashioned Day

Montgomery Church (Lincoln) is having an Old-Fashioned Day combined with Bicentennial program on May 16. Dinner will be served on the ground and a special offering taken for the cemetery fund. Afternoon services will include singing and testimonies. Rev. Fred L. Bollen, Jr. is pastor.

## Jackson County . . .

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read the Word of God himself."

Volunteers here are using Laubach's principles of sound-symbol relationships, association and repetition. They are also using literature which capitalizes on the adult's desire to read meaningful material from the very start.

Americans are realizing that all this country's problems cannot be automatically solved by a trip to the governmental money barrel. And helping solve one problem in Jackson County are time, energy and respect shared by teacher and student in the Laubach reading and writing program.

Let's start rumors! Tell someone, "I sure like Mary; she's a wonderful person." Tell another, "Jim sure does a fine job of everything he tackles." Use "gossip carriers" to carry sincere compliments back to the persons you've talked about. That's a sure way to make friends! — Walter A. Helby.



PREPARING LESSONS — Adult reading and writing tutors are encouraged to spend from 45 minutes to an hour in preparation for each hour spent with the student. Studying Lesson 1 are left, front to back, Mrs. Jan Simmons, Vanceleave; Mrs. Celestine Riles, Ocean Springs; right, Mrs. Liz Lee, Pascagoula; Mrs. Freda Emerson, Pascagoula.